[27th March 1963

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the member.]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE NON-AVAILABILITY OF SILVER LACE PLATED WITH GOLD TO THE SILK WEAVERS.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri S. Madhavan will now call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Industries to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the non-availability of silver lace plated with gold to the silk weavers.

திரு. எஸ். மாதவன் : மதிப்பிற்குரிய சட்ட மன்ற தலைவர் அவர்களே, அண்மையில் மத்திய சர்க்காரினால் கொண்டுவரப்பட்ட தங்கக் கட்டுப்பாடுச் சட்டத்தினால், பட்டு நெசவாளர்களுக்குத் தங்க முலாம் பூசப்பட்ட வெள்ளிச் சரிகை கிடைக்காத நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டு, ஆயிரக் கணக்கான பட்டு நெசவாளர்கள் நெசவு வேலையில் ஈடுபட முடியாத நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டு அந்தத் தொழிலில் தேக்கம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிற நிலைமையை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்களுடைய கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவர விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to make the following statement. The entire requirements of Zari of this State are met by the Zari making factories in Surat as there are no zari making factories in this State. It is not correct to say that silver lace plated with gold has become unavailable following the enforcement of Gold Rules. The Government of India have authorised the use of gold for zari industry among others. The Collector of Central Excise has authorised the Superintendent of Central Excise to issue permit for bona fide users of gold for not exceeding half the proved quantity used in the corresponding period in the previous year, subject to a maximum of 500 grams in each case.

These instructions will, for the present, remain in force till May 1963. While there has been a certain amount of scarcity of gold lace in the market due to the impact of Gold Control Rules particularly before the present concession was announced, the situation is not irremediable. As there is bound to be some reduction in production, consumption to that extent will have to be reduced. However, arrangements are being made to obtain Zari in bulk purchased from Surat to meet the demand so that it can be distributed equitably at regulated prices. As Gold lace is an ancillary material used in pure silk weaving of luxury-fabrics in certain parts of the State, the difficulties if any will only be temporary and localised and will not lead to distress among workers as such.

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION

ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

9-30 a.m. 'That, with reference to Rule 183 (1) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker to elect fifteen members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1963–64.